

tion. A few fools do not make a species. The mother feeling in womanhood is normal in the main, and baby is in no danger of being dethroned by doggie. By the way if some of these exceedingly dainty young ladies who carry dogs around and kiss them would take the trouble to get a magnifying glass of some kind, and inspect the thousand creeping things that inhabit doggie's whiskers, it would be many a day before they would kiss him again. What a pity it is that homeless and childless homes could not be universally paired off. If it could be done there would be few left of either. Nevertheless many of the homeless waifs, perhaps the majority of them, possess an exceedingly unfortunate heritage, which seriously handicaps their candidacy for a clean, refined home. Also on the other hand, there are many childless homes where notwithstanding the apparent comfort and plenty which abounds in and around them, are altogether unfit places for any child. But between these extremes there remains a wide margin, where promising children and fit homes await the office of some kindly hand in bringing them together. It is a wide field of benevolence, and there are some enthusiastic and greatly useful workers therein. He who watches over the orphan can not but bless the sheltering of one of his "little ones."

### Progress Upward

Not even the most easily satisfied optimist will admit that the world is what it ought to be in all respects, or in any respect; but he holds that it is God's world and not the devil's world, and that the divine decree is for complete and final emancipation from all evil. Dreadful judgments there may yet be, as there have been in the past, but by whatsoever process the divine wisdom may adopt, the manifest determination of righteousness to triumph is written all over the moral, intellectual, physical and religious world. Take the Bible itself. From its beginning to its end the trend of progress is upward, gloriously, magnificently upward. If a man could have been transported suddenly from the moral, religious, political, physical and scientific world of Moses' time, to the moral, religious, political, physical and scientific world of our own times, he would have thought that he had passed into Paradise. There is no sort of comparison at all but that which shows the vast progress of the intervening ages, a progress which is reflected by the constantly increasing light, glory and wisdom of the Bible itself as we travel along down its long record toward the final revelations. History bears the same testimony, from the time when man lived as an animal, a naked savage in a cave, up to the enlightenment and elevation of our own times. We do not pretend to say that a gradual upward progress is all of God's plan, but that it is a part of God's plan is written large over all the broad earth and over all the face of history. Cataclysms and revolutions there have been, and may be yet. God is not limited in his resources or in his methods, but we are bound to know that unless he has abdicated his throne, the divine energy is constantly and successfully exerted to bring in the better upon the heels of the worse, in an irresistible progression which will finally eventuate in the best, the perfect, the universal and unchallenged reign of life and righteousness.

### William in Danger

A crazy workman threw a heavy piece of iron at Emperor William last week as he was driving along the street, and the missile struck the Emperor on the cheek inflicting a painful wound. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. So says the proverb, and its truth is frequently set in a vivid light. A poor man dwelling in security is happier than a monarch in constant peril. To be conspicuous anywhere is to become a target for some fool's madness. The most humane and most virtuous rulers are apparently in as much danger as the wickedest,—the president of a free republic as the autocrat of an empire. There is a crown which will not bring peril to its wearer. The crown of everlasting life. No anarchoist, no mad man will be able to wound its possessor. It is a crown within reach of all. God's kings will wear it, and you may become one of them.

### Ashland College Endowment

It is very little we have to say this week on the question of endowment, in fact we have said enough on this particular phase of the subject and there is no need that we should continue the argument. Is there any one who does not see the necessity of an institution of learning under the auspices of the Brethren church? Is there any one who does not recognize the fact that such an institution, to become a great power for good thru-out the brotherhood, must be liberally endowed? If there is any one who, in the face of our own experience and the experience of others, is still in doubt as to the need of such an institution with a liberal endowment, we should be very glad to know where he is and who he is and the reason for his doubt. We take it for granted that in general our people are agreed upon this one proposition: That an institution of learning with a liberal endowment for the Brethren church is the greatest, the most urgent and immediate need (humanly speaking) of the church. Then why do we not have such an institution? Are we too poor? Is it really a fact that the Brethren church can not afford to carry an endowment of \$50,000 for Ashland College? We do not believe that. We know that such is not the case. Probably the reason is that given by Brother Gillin. If so we trust the several Boards will take the proper steps to find out.

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